

TempePRE

BLOG

A Fond Farewell

I don't like saying "Good-bye", it seems a bit too final, like everything is complete. So I'm saying "Farewell" which is used to express good wishes when parting. That's what I want to do, express good wishes to you all as I part from Tempe PRE.

The last two years that I have been the supervisor of Tempe PRE have been filled with wonderful days of supporting teachers, developing plans for camps, engaging in the classrooms with your children, writing informational newsletters, and working behind the scenes to promote this amazing program. I know that the City of Tempe supports this program with great pride and is hopeful to establish long-term sustainable funding. The pandemic hit us all hard and even with the challenges we faced, the Tempe PRE program continued to support children and families to the best of our ability, and we are thankful that you put your trust in us during that time.

I have been given the opportunity to move into a new role with the State of Arizona to act as the Human Resources Director for the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board, also known as First Things First. I will be working to support First Things First in its mission to help children be **ready for school and set for life**. This agency provides resources and guidance for programs like Tempe PRE, as well as administering programs for children's health, family support, and early learning. I encourage you to take just a minute to visit their website: <https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/>

Tempe PRE remains in good hands, with Catalina Rodriguez acting as the Program Coordinator, and with Marie Raymond, Human Services Manager, providing oversight until the supervisor position is filled. I will remember these years with a thankful heart and continue to be an active advocate for the Tempe PRE program.

Remember to enjoy your little ones NOW – the days are long, but the years are short! Thank you for allowing me to be a small part of your child's lifelong journey of learning.

Leslie Totten



We are here to help you navigate the Tempe PRE program.

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